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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Aldabra Giant Tortoise

Aldabrachelys gigantea

Aldabrachelys gigantea is one of the largest land tortoises in the world: females reach about 90 cm and nearly 160 kg, males about 120 cm and 250 kg, and the species lives for more than 100 years. It comes from Aldabra Atoll in the Indian Ocean. An adult needs a heated barn and a large, secure outdoor paddock, so the species is only for keepers who can provide both.

Famille: Testudinidae Ancien nom: *Testudo gigantea; Testudo elephantina; Testudo ponderosa; Testudo sumeirei; Testudo gouffei; Dipsochelys dussumieri*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**90-125 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**80-100 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savane**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**800 × 400 × 80 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**29-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-23 °C**
Hygrométrie	**55-65 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Plantes**
Détention	**En groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**180-240 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**9-25 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**98-148 jours** à 27-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Non évaluée (NE)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little has been published about keeping *Aldabrachelys gigantea* outside zoos.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the barn should be 24-28 °C with a basking spot of 29-32 °C under a heat lamp, and at night 18-23 °C; the night must not fall below 18 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 55-65% for adults, while young animals need 70-80%. A low, wide, non-slip bowl of clean water must be available at all times, because animals in captivity drink a lot.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and lives in full sun.
ALIMENTATION	The diet is almost entirely plants: grass, herbs, leaves, twigs and, in smaller amounts, fruit.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is social and curious and quickly learns to recognise its keeper. An adult is so heavy and strong that it knocks over small trees and shrubs, and flimsy fences will not hold it.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Seychelles.